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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION**

RICOH COMPANY, LTD.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

AEROFLEX INCORPORATED, AMI
SEMICONDUCTOR, INC., MATROX
ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, LTD., MATROX
GRAPHICS INC., MATROX
INTERNATIONAL CORP. and MATROX
TECH, INC.,

Defendants.

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) Case No. C03-4669 PVT (Judge
) Trumbull),
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) PATENT INFRINGEMENT ACTION
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) NOTICE OF RELATED ACTION
) CURRENTLY PENDING IN THE
) NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
) CALIFORNIA
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1 Pursuant to Northern District Civil Local Rule 3-12, Ricoh Company, Ltd. respectfully
2 submits the following Notice of Related Case:

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4 There are currently pending in this judicial district two cases that meet the definition of
5 related cases within the meaning of Civil Local Rule 3-12(b). The first case pending in this
6 district, which was filed on May 14, 2003, is entitled "Synopsys, Inc. v. Ricoh Company, Ltd.,"
7 and is Case No. C 03-02289 MJJ. The second case pending in this district, which was originally
8 filed in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware on January 21, 2003 and was
9 recently transferred to this district, is entitled "Rico Company, Ltd. v. Aeroflex Incorporated, et
10 al.," and is Case No. C 03-4669 PVT. The first case is pending before Judge Jenkins. The second
11 case is pending before Chief Magistrate Judge Trumbull.

12 Both actions are related and concern the enforcement of rights arising under a United
13 States patent, U.S. Patent 4,922,432, owned by Ricoh Company, Ltd., which is the defendant in
14 the first pending action and the plaintiff in the second pending action. The cases raise
15 substantially the same questions of law, specifically, the enforceability of U.S. Patent No.
16 4,922,432. For the foregoing reasons, there will be an unduly burdensome duplication of labor
17 and expense or conflicting results if the cases are conducted before different Judges, and
18 assignment of both cases to a single Judge is likely to conserve judicial resources and promote an
19 efficient determination of the actions.
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21 Dated: October 20, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE: *Ricoh Company, Ltd. v. Aeroflex Incorporated, et al.*

CASE NO: U.S. District Court, N.D. Cal., No. C03-4669 PVT
(transferred from D. Delaware, Case No. 03-103 GMS)

I am employed in the City and County of San Francisco, California. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within action; my business address is 177 Post Street, Suite 300, San Francisco, California 94108. On October 20, 2003, I served the following document(s):

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this October 20, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

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